

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2015**

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes were approved and will be filed with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)) in their entirety, and the complete current month ending, along with resolutions and other supporting documents.

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Gerald W. Dell, Members; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant; Manda Browning, Victim Witness Advocate; Clifford Brophy, Sheriff; Shirley Keefer, Stillwater Republican Women; and Robert Witham, Stillwater County News.

Public Comments: Public Comment on matters within the Commissioners jurisdiction pursuant to §2-3-103, MCA, public comments will be accepted on any public matter that is not scheduled on the Agenda.

Shirlee Keefer - stated with the new year, there will be challenges and opportunities. As part of the Stillwater Republican Women, we are doing our best to be involved, to be aware, and how we can be better informed and how we can be of help. She said she is here to hear the followup on the courthouse and the challenges we will be facing. She is here in support of what is the best solution for our residents in Stillwater County.

Minutes Approval: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes of December 23, 2014. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports: Courthouse Facilities Feasibility Study - Update on Public Information Meetings held in Absarokee, Columbus, and Park City. These meetings were to handout information on the options and alternatives on the courthouse. No action was taken at these meetings.

Commissioner Shupak said all three of the informational meetings had good attendance and good comments.

Commissioner Dell said the three meetings were attended well in all three locations. He said the Commissioners fielded comments and questions and concerns by the public on the five options in the feasibility study. The Commissioners have their work cut out for them for the best of the options.

Commissioner Davey said she counted about 90 that attended and thought that was a good turnout. She said they had some very good comments, very good questions, and good things brought up. Going through process, as a Commissioner, we tried to be up front with the people and keep the people in contact, and did a good job at that. She said she has never been through something like this before and it just seems like, although being here for twelve years, it is always a learning process. Something new always comes up, so you do the best you can, and we really appreciated all the people that came.

Commissioner Dell stated there will be more to come in the next 2-3 agendas on how we proceed.

Commissioner Shupak said *from the comments we received, we've got some good ideas to work with.*

**Victim Witness
Program:**

- I. The Commissioners received a letter from Manda Browning, Victim Witness Coordinator, requesting the Commissioners approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Victim/Witness Program between Carbon, Stillwater, and Sweet Grass Counties for FY 2014-2015. The agreement effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2014. Cliff Brophy explained that each county involved contributes approximately the same amount for the total match amount required for the grant application. He said each county agrees to supply office space, supplies, phone and equipment. Stillwater County's In-kind match is \$4,933.34.

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Interlocal Agreement and the In-kind Statement for the Tri-County Victim/Witness Program. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Commissioner Dell stated this program has been in place for several years and it seems to have worked out well in the past. He said prior to becoming a Commissioner, he visited with Coralee Hicks, former Advocate Coordinator, about the program. He said he was very impressed with what happens in this county and the two adjoining counties. He said he spent twelve years in law enforcement and at that time there was not a program like this where he worked. He told Cliff Brophy that it had to be a big help for his officers to not have to deal with some of the things that were dealt with, in years past, that the deputy or policeman had to do. He said it is a worthwhile program. Commissioner Davey said this is an example of three counties working together for a very good cause that has worked well in the past. She addressed Robert Witham, Stillwater County News reporter, saying she hopes he would have a chance to interview Manda Browning, the new coordinator, so it comes to light to the residents

of Stillwater County, that we do have this program and a new person in the drivers seat now.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Shupak noted that the Commissioners from Carbon and Sweet Grass Counties have executed the application.

2. Sheriff Brophy submitted a grant application for fiscal year 2015-2016 for continuation of the Tri-County Victim/Witness Program through the Montana Board of Crime Control in the amount of \$63,891 with an in-kind match of \$16,650 (split between three counties) for a total of \$80,541 to fund the program. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the application as recommended by Sheriff Brophy. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Brophy said this application will mark the 15th year of the program in Stillwater County. Shirlee Keefer asked the Sheriff if the program is funded through the State of Montana. Brophy explained it is federal funds managed by the state. Keefer asked if these federal funds are trickled down to the state. Brophy said the VOCA Grant which is the Victims of Crimes Assistance. It is his understanding that most of the funding is from surcharges and not tax money.

Computer Maintenance

and Management: Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Morrison-Maierle Systems Corporation updated contract for the Courthouse to include the ten Library Computers and Servers. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste: Purchase Requests submitted by the Solid Waste Superintendent for the following:

1. Park City Collection Site - Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the request to purchase (1) 4 cubic yard stationary hopper at \$4,300; (1) new compactor \$34,493, at the request of the Solid Waste Superintendent. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Commissioner Davey stated the Solid Waste Department has been making real improvements with their facilities and with this they are more efficient and better service along with reducing some of the truck driver hours.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
2. Molt Collection Site - Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Concrete Pad \$3,320; (1) 40 cubic yard container \$9,099; and the electric hook-up \$3,200 at the request of the Solid Waste Superintendent. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Commissioner

Dell said this is modernization of the respective sites. The small compactor that is coming out of the Park City site will be moved to the Molt site. This will decrease the amount of trips we have to make to the Billings landfill, because it will be compacted now instead of being dumped into a container.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources: New Hire - Ashley Wells, Extension Administrative Assistant, full-time, effective January 26, 2015.

Out-of-Office - Commissioner Dell will be out-of-office January 21 - January 30, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 AM